

Gray Street Edinburgh
12. 2. 1862

Send the
Bill for
W. J. Barclay
to the
20. New
Street
Direct.

I now enclose the
duplicate of the Bill of Exchange
sent by last mail (rather ^{the} inst. post here)
lest my former should have gone
astray - I hope it has not & that
you will have no difficulty in
procuring the money -

The particulars I may as well repeat,
as the same contingencies apply to them
as to the Bill, & first I may apologize
for smearing all to thee, with my old
apology that thy kindness tempts me
to take the opportunity for a little intercourse.

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My mother wrote to Mrs Child
enclosing also the particulars
of the £35. " " " as I suppose she
is the authorized agent thro' you.
I dare say you will miss Mrs Chapman's
help - but I do not think it ever
signified to us in Britain whose
name signed the call - so that it
was our honest & recognized abolition
ist. - I do not think I have much
to say today - Hope the overruling
Hands of Providence will soon be
made bare for the emancipation
of the slaves & the preservation of our
guilty nation; - but God has so
long called & it has refused, that
we cannot but fear the pidge-
-ments that may yet be in store
for you. See a proposition again
before Congress, to emancipate slaves
of rebels & secure some Territory to
which they may be sent ^{if they}
are willing the latter proviso is
a great improvement - but why should
a nation send away its most
productive class of labourers? it is
not usual when countries seize
& subjugate other countries that

They send among the labourers -
But this problem will work itself
out if your Govt would only
proclaim emancipation & all
whom such proclamation
can reach - "loyal" as well
"rebel" - & the slaves in the
District - then there will be
hope for you - for Righteousness
is better for a nation's safety
than armies & guns. We have
had a motion suggested in Parli-
-ment to raise the blockade -
but I hope it will go no further.
We should grieve exceedingly
that such a proposition should
gain ground. After Earl
Russell's reply to the question of
Lord Carnarvon respecting some
British subjects imprisoned in
the U. S. it showed an appreciation
of your difficulties. The Times has
spoken decidedly against raising
the blockade & we have sensible
expressions of opinion from many
quarters; and hope the national
heat on both sides will now cool down.

At the Lempriere point. Mary Cottin
sent me a letter & read from
Mrs Chapman, giving a glimpse
into some of your positions, it
was very interesting. I need not
write more now - except toiterate
my best wishes for you all
Wilt thou give our family's kind
regards to thy wife & to all around
her who know us -

Thine very sincerely & affectionately
G. W. Johnson

I would send a special message
to W. L. Garrison to whom I thought
of sending a few words - but
instead write a note to P. Pillsbury.

I have been living with W. L. G. &
others over again the scenes &
struggles of - 35 & I can only
hope for you all that the ~~reputation~~
of the first Liberator will still be
its Editors watchword to the
very end - "I will not equivocate.
I will not retract a single word
& I will be heard" "If he has been heard
I suppose he will not."